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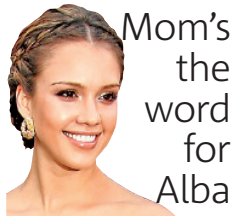
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Traders shout orders in the S&P 500 futures pit at the CME Group in Chicago near the close of trading Thursday. The stock market had one of its most turbulent days ever with the Dow Jones industrials plunging nearly 1,000 points in half an hour before recovering two-thirds of its losses. **More coverage, page 8.**

Shory staying on

Fraud allegations not grounds for MP's dismissal: Harper

What kind of allegation or RCMP scrutiny will get a Conservative booted from caucus?

According to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, allegations of a civil or "private" nature don't cross the line, and that's why Alberta MP Devinder Shory is still sitting with his Tory colleagues.

Shory is one of dozens of people named in a Calgary lawsuit alleging a \$70-million mortgage fraud — one of the largest in Canadian history — against the Bank of Montreal.

"This is a civil action, it's

Don't fear for home prices: Expert

Calgary Real Estate Board president Diane Scott said Calgarians don't have to worry about artificially inflated home prices in the city due to an alleged mortgage fraud. "Unless they had one of the homes in question, it wouldn't affect prices in the market. Those homes will be adjusted

not a criminal matter, it's a private matter," Harper said Thursday during a trip to the Netherlands.

The Bank of Montreal says it has been scammed

accordingly but the rest of the market won't change," Scott said.

Scott said usually in schemes like this, the houses are spread out so they wouldn't affect the property values of surrounding homes.

KRISTA SYLVESTER/
METRO CALGARY

in several schemes in Western Canada that were first flagged in a security check four years ago. It alleges the defendants found houses valued below oth-

ers in upscale neighbourhoods, then paid people a few thousand dollars to put their name on a mortgage application.

The allegations have yet to be proven in court. There have been no charges laid in connection with the allegations.

Shory, elected to Parliament in 2008, said in a statement that he hasn't yet been served with the statement of claim.

"When I am, I will defend myself vigorously against these accusations. I have done nothing wrong."

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Rebuild, repairs for burned condo

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MILLRISE Dozens of residents of the Millrise condo complex may be able to move back into their homes as early as Thanksgiving.

Millrise residents lost everything in a March fire and condo board president Cameron Wallace said the \$12-million building restructuring has been divided into two parts — where 79 water-damaged units can be renovated this year and 80 fire-damaged units rebuilt within nine months of their start date, as soon as the city releases permits in up to six weeks.

"I think people understand we're trying to do the right thing for everyone and we are trying to get everyone back as efficiently as we can," Wallace said.

Resident Patrick McDermott said he falls under the fire category and is happy with the decision, but apprehensive about the value of the building with the water-damaged units not being rebuilt.

"I know some people are worried how it will affect their property value," he said.

But Wallace said homeowners would have had to pay a deductible of \$28,000 each to cover the \$8-million difference if the entire condominium was rebuilt at a cost of \$20 million.

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Blast in recycle yard

Several reports of a loud explosion and thick black smoke sent firefighters to a metal recycle yard at 5:30 Thursday afternoon in the 6000 block of 12 Street SE. Staff on the site informed firefighters that a car being crushed and shredded contained a propane cylinder of which they were unaware at the time. No injuries were reported.

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News in brief

7 AVENUE The final phase of the 7 Avenue Refurbishment project will be unveiled today by Mayor Dave Bronconnier, MP Jim Prentice and MLA Jonathan Denis. Calgarians can view new station renderings and speak to staff at an information session.

PERMITS The construction value of building permit applications in April 2010 is up three per cent from last April, the city says. Calgarians applied for \$8 million more worth of permits than last April at \$275 million in total. Residential permit values show a 19 per cent increase over last year, while non-residential categories are down 16 per cent. Building permit values overall are still 16 per cent compared to the five-year average.

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High-tech hide-and-seek

PETER MCCARTNEY
for Metro Calgary

Hide-and-go-seek is but a childhood memory for many Calgarians, but the city's Parks department is taking the game to a whole new level.

For its 100th anniversary, City of Calgary Parks will be orchestrating the first citywide game in Canada through geocaching, a hobby that uses GPS to find small "caches" hidden in an area.

The Parks department is hiding 25 of these parcels per month throughout the summer and filling them with little prizes.

The big prize will be for the first person to find each of the caches. They will be entered into a draw to win one of three GPS systems.

For those Calgarians who don't already have a GPS, they will be able to pick one up as of May 13



Corinna Baxter from City of Calgary Parks poses with geocaching equipment. The group recently launched the first citywide technological treasure hunts to mark its 100 anniversary.

from their local Calgary Public Library (with their library card) or the Inglewood Bird Sanctuary. Others can go to the City of Calgary website and load the co-ordinates of the caches on their GPS.

"We thought, 'What would would be a unique idea to promote Calgary's parks?'" said Todd Reichardt, a Parks department spokesperson.

The idea of the project is to get Calgarians active

and exploring the city's green space, to learn about Calgary's history through info stored in the caches, and, most of all, to have fun, Reichardt said.

The project is costing the city \$5,000.



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Fox-Mellway calls for action on recreation complex in SE

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RECREATION Let's get this show on the road.

Ward 14 Ald. Linda Fox-Mellway wants to propel the development of a southeast regional recreation complex into action, as the city has already approved \$70 million in funding.

"The money has been approved and I want to say let's going on this and just confirm the money and they can go ahead and start attaining corporate sponsorship for the project," she said.

On Monday, Fox-Mellway will motion for a progress report to be back by January 2011 on the Seton project that will see an arena, school and library complex built.

"Once we get this going it can hopefully be completed in two or three years," she said.

Fox-Mellway also spearheaded the South Fish Creek park project. She said while that took five years to complete, it was also the first project of its kind in the city in 30 years.

"This time around things will be more streamlined."

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CalgaryTweets

@yogicrystal bus driver just let a teen on the bus with a blue bin, what the? Is that even his? #yyc

@smelly_paul Opposition demand #yyc MP be kicked out of #cpc 4 accusation of mortgage fraud. What dumba**es. Allegations shld 1st be proven in court, no?

@MichelleLem So stoked - Body Worlds tickets are booked for noon! Hmm...lunch before or after?...#yyc

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Laptop demands concern parents

TECHNOLOGY A move at Springbank Community High School requiring students to have laptops is raising concerns for people who cannot afford the new computers, especially since the school prefers Macbooks.

"It's hard to say when you're asking families who may not have the money," said Jenny Thomson, whose twin girls attend the school.

"I think its an assumption for the area that everyone

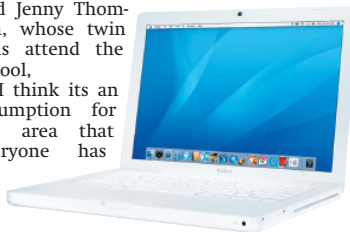
money and I think that's not always true.

"Although it seems like someone should have one of those these days."

Leslie Collings, the school's principal, has said the new policy will level the playing field for students and make sure the school is ready for when

textbooks stop printing.

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Full-time U of C professors make second-most in Canada: StatsCan

EDUCATION Full-time professors at the University of Calgary make the second-highest average wage in the country, according to a Statistics Canada report released Wednesday.

The full-time professors earned on average \$146,809.

The new facts have some students who have been protesting a hike to their tuition fees wondering if they're getting their money's worth.

"The job of a professor has certainly not gotten harder," said James Cook, a first-year business student who's tuition is nearly dou-

\$146,809

Full-time professors at the University of Calgary earn \$146,809 on average.

bling next year. He calls the numbers "absolutely ridiculous"

But Lauren Webber, president of the student union, said "as long as the level of salary coincides with the level of teaching," the numbers were justified. "We support investment in our professors," she said.

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@patchworksheep my mom is my best friend and if I grew up into half the woman she is, I'd be happy.

PETER MCCARTNEY
and KRISTA SYLVESTER

Calgary is full of great moms; cherished women who commit to career and the care of their families. This weekend, it's time to once again celebrate their devotion.

Sharron Stevens is dubbed "superwoman" by her family, going above and beyond for her 15-year-old son, who has epilepsy and ADHD.

When she became a mom, she was immediately committed to the task, noting the best part of being a mom is the unconditional love.

"I was surprised at how easily you devote your life to raising another. He becomes your main focus," Stevens said.

Stephanie Laroche, 26, is a single mom of two boys, three and five, but also spends her free time babysitting another three children ranging from 16 months to five years old, and relies on her own mother for a lot of help.

"We're really close and

"I was surprised at how easily you devote your life to raising another. He becomes your main focus."

Sharron Stevens, "superwoman"

we actually spend a lot of time together," Laroche said.

While being supermom to so many kids can be overwhelming, Laroche said celebrating Mother's Day is a nice way to relax with the family.

"On Saturday night we have dinner and Sunday morning we have brunch and we all really look forward to it."

Stevens embraces the lifelong rewards of raising children — and recognizes its challenges.

"Teaching (my son) the responsibilities of becoming a caring adult takes a lot of patience, and I always remember its part of my job and I vow not to fail at it."



Stephanie Laroche is one of many Calgary moms who'll be celebrated this weekend. She's a mother of two who cares for her sons Kaden, 3, and Kyle, 5, while being an active nanny for twin girls Emma and Ellie, 3.

5 things to do in Calgary on Mother's Day

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Site finds support for enlistment

POLL An overwhelming majority of those polled over a 24-hour period by a Calgarian through a support-your-troops website said they would defend their country voluntarily.

Dave Murphy, founder of thanksoldier.net, thought he would fare better than an Ipsos-Reid poll released earlier this week stating only 40 per cent of Canadians between 18 and 35 years old would have voluntarily enlisted in the Second World War.

"I'm not surprised by these numbers but they come from Canadians,

Online responses

- Would you have voluntarily enlisted in the Second World War if physically able?
4,604 replies
4,363 Yes — 95 %

240 No — 5 %

• **EDITOR'S NOTE:** Not a scientific poll; results taken from a 24-hour poll on thanksoldier.net

Americans, Britons and people all over the world," Murphy said.

"It makes me proud."

But while many would enlist, Murphy said some people debated the merits of the Afghanistan and Iraq wars, which some respondents said they would not support.

But one Metro reader

said they don't believe the causes today are worth fighting for.

"War today isn't about keeping people safe and free. It's about oppressing others. I feel like young people wouldn't enlist because the cause is garbage," they wrote.

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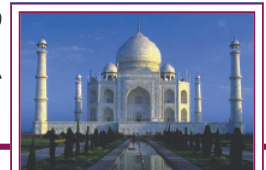
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Three Canadian journalists barred from Guantanamo Bay

Three Canadian journalists are being barred from Guantanamo Bay, where they have been covering pre-trial war-crimes hearings for Omar Khadr, the Pentagon said Thursday. The reporters for the Toronto Star, Globe and Mail and Canwest News Service breached a ban on identifying a witness, according to the Pentagon. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Lobbying? No no, says MP

Liberal MP Derek Lee, left, was accused Thursday of illegally lobbying the government on behalf of foreign companies. The Toronto MP dismissed the allegation as a misunderstanding generated by a misleading profile of him that appeared on the website of a Toronto law firm.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dumped again, but Guergis will fight back

Helena Guergis is not going down without a fight.

The former junior cabinet minister has written to the Conservative party asking it to reverse a decision to drop her as the Tory candidate in the Ontario riding of Simcoe-Grey.

Guergis said she's appealing the party's decision, and wants the party to give her a chance to clear her name and rejoin the Conservative caucus.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper booted her from caucus after a private eye

made allegations of tax evasion and the potential existence of compromising photographs.

Guergis said: "I have been charged, convicted, and sentenced without any due process."

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War veteran urges Canadians to remember what soldiers sacrificed.

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Survivor **She'll never forget that day in Montreal**



Montreal Massacre survivor Nathalie Provost takes a moment Thursday to remember following a commemorative ceremony on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. In 1989, a rifle-wielding Marc Lépine gunned down 28 people at École Polytechnique, killing 14 women. Provost was shot four times.

STAN KRAMER/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pardons derail background checks: Liberal

CHILDREN A directive from Ottawa that has made it nearly impossible for school boards and other groups to do criminal background checks on people who work with children needs to be clarified — quickly, says an Ontario Liberal.

Liz Sandals said an agency that investigates criminal records on staff and volunteers for educational institutions can no longer access full records of sexual offenders who were granted pardons.

"There's a whole lot of people who actually interact with children on a very regular basis, and there's actually no legal way of getting at the sexual offender history," said the Liberal backbencher.

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Deadline looms for Afghan detainee deal

The Conservative government and opposition parties may not be able to meet Tuesday's deadline for a deal on Afghan detainee documents.

House of Commons Speaker Peter Milliken gave parties until Tuesday to agree on how to view all documents uncensored, while protecting national security.

They continue to inch toward an agreement, but Liberal House leader Ralph Goodale says they may have to ask for an extension. He says that's not unreasonable given the importance of the issue.

"It's dealing with the Canadian public interest in a serious way and we take

"It's dealing with the Canadian public interest in a serious way and we take that responsibility very seriously."

Ralph Goodale

that responsibility seriously," Goodale said Thursday, following the third meeting of negotiators from all parties. Failure to resolve the matter among themselves would prompt a contempt of Parliament motion against the government, which could trigger a court challenge or even an election.

Earlier this week, the

parties expressed optimism that a deal could be reached by Friday. But opposition negotiators were more cautious Thursday after finally receiving a concrete proposal from the government, saying they need time to reflect on it.

While they wouldn't disclose details, opposition negotiators confirmed all parties have so far agreed that a small committee — made up of at least one MP from each party, all sworn to secrecy — should view all relevant documents.

The files relate to allegations that prisoners were tortured by Afghan authorities after being turned over by Canadian soldiers.

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Toronto It's burger time!



People help assemble a hamburger weighing in at 590 pounds Thursday, seeking to break the record for world's largest, at Yonge-Dundas Square in Toronto.

News in brief

ABORTION A top British medical journal is chiding the Stephen Harper government for refusing to put abortion funding on Canada's G8 agenda. An editorial in The Lancet

says it's "hypocritical and unjust" for Canada to get in the way of abortions abroad when Canadian women can have them at home. "Seventy thousand women die from unsafe

abortions worldwide every year," the journal states. The Conservatives refused to include abortion funding in a maternal-health plan at the G8 summit. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Drug makers seek price cut relief following reforms

PHARMACEUTICALS The manufacturing costs of some generic drugs are too high to slash prices by 50 per cent under Ontario's controversial re-

forms, Health Minister Deb Matthews says. Negotiations have taken weeks, with generic drug makers working out exceptions to the rule, Matthews said af-

ter Apotex Inc. sent a letter to pharmacies warning of trouble ahead. The letter did not specify which drugs were in jeopardy.

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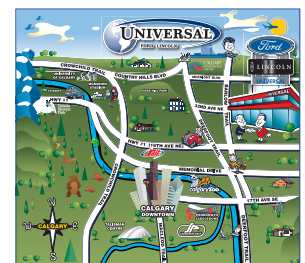
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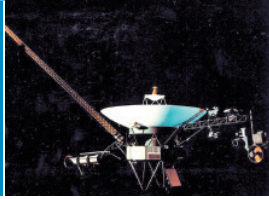


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U.S. safety officials are looking into a handful of reports of severe rashes caused by new types of Pampers diapers. The Consumer Product Safety Commission started an investigation this week following complaints about the new Swaddlers and Cruisers diapers. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

World



Houston, we have a problem

NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory says engineers are trying to diagnose a problem in data from the aging Voyager 2 spacecraft near the edge of the solar system. A JPL statement Thursday says there appears to be a problem in a system that formats data sent to Earth. An unexpected change has prevented mission managers from decoding science data.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Markets tumble

Investors fear Greek crisis could spread

World stocks plunged Thursday as fears Greece's debt crisis will spread to other European countries and undermine the global recovery continued to rattle markets.

Investors are questioning whether a \$142-billion aid package for Greece will be adequate to keep debt problems from engulfing other European nations with weak government finances. The death of three people Wednesday in an Athens bank during a 100,000-strong protest against government austerity measures has further shaken confidence in the markets.

In early trading in Europe, the FTSE 100 index of leading British shares was down 0.5 per cent while France's CAC-40 dropped one per cent and Germany's DAX slipped 0.4 per cent. Stock futures

Greece passes austerity bill

• Greek legislators approved a crucial austerity bill Thursday needed to tap \$140 billion in bailout loans from the other 15 eurozone countries and the International Monetary Fund — money needed to avoid a debt default. The bill passed with 172 votes in favour and 121 against.

pointed to modest losses Thursday on Wall Street.

In Asia, Japan's Nikkei 225 stock average plunged 3.3 per cent to 10,695.69 for its biggest one-day fall in more than a year while China's Shanghai benchmark sank 4.1 per cent. Japanese markets were closed Monday through Wednesday for holidays. South Korea's Kospi was off two per cent, Hong Kong's Hang Seng retreated 1.5 per cent, Australia's benchmark lost 2.2 per cent and Indonesia sank 3.3 per cent in a regionwide rout. Benchmarks in Singapore, Taiwan, India, Malaysia and

Thailand also slid.

Analysts said some European countries may have to cut government spending to calm jittery markets, which could undermine economic growth and demand for exports.

"On any further deterioration in this situation, emerging markets will be hit via rising risk aversion, weaker trade flows and falling commodity prices," Citigroup said in a report.

A drop in the euro and a rise in the dollar has also battered markets around the world.

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Coalition in Brit parliament?

ELECTION British Prime Minister Gordon Brown indicated Friday he might try to form a coalition government, seeking to keep his Labour Party in power following an election in which the opposition Conservatives were projected to win the most seats but not gain a majority in Parliament.

But Conservative Leader David Cameron — whose party was projected to snatch more than 90 seats from Labour and produce its best showing in 80 years — insisted voters in Britain's national election Thursday did not want Labour to remain at the helm of the government.

"I believe it is already clear that the Labour government has lost its mandate to govern our country," Cameron said Friday in Witney, west of London. "Our country wants change. That change is going to require new leadership."

The exit polls reflected deep uncertainty over who will form the next government, prompting the country's top three parties — the Conservatives, Labour and the Liberal Democrats — to immediately began jockeying to form alliances.

Turnout for Thursday's vote appeared to be high but hundreds of people across the country were prevented from voting when polls closed at 10 p.m. The head of Britain's



Based on early results, Conservative Leader David Cameron, seen here with wife Stephanie, won the most seats in Thursday's election, but not enough to form a majority government.

Electoral Commission said legal challenges to some ballot results were likely from those turned away.

An analysis by Britain's main television stations suggested the Conservatives will win 305 of the 650 House of Commons seats, short of the 326 seats needed for a majority. Labour was seen winning 255 seats and the Liberal

Democrats 61, far less than had been expected after their support surged during the campaign.

Political wrangling and a period of uncertainty appear ahead for one of the world's largest economies — a prospect that could unsettle global markets already reeling from the Greek debt crisis.

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If at first you don't succeed, try 959 more times

PRACTICE A South Korean woman who earned a driver's license after 960 tries is ready to buy a car and get behind the wheel.

Yonhap news agency reported Thursday that 69-year-old Cha Sa-soon passed the driving part of the test last month on her 10th try. South Korea requires a written test first, and Cha took

it nearly daily since April 2005 before passing last year.

She said she wanted to buy a small second-hand car to visit her son and daughter and for her business selling vegetables.

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News in brief

CONGO A Red Cross official says 80 people are missing and feared dead after an overloaded canoe capsized on a river in eastern Congo. Disaster management official Jean-Claude Anyasi said 45 people have been rescued from the Congo River near the city of Kindu, the capital of Congo's eastern Maniema province. He said there were 125 people aboard Wednesday evening and that rescue efforts are ongoing.

BURGERS Fans of fast food chain White Castle's oniony hamburgers have a new way to indulge without any calorie guilt: A scented candle infused with the burgers' aroma. The Columbus, Ohio-based fast-food chain this week introduced candles that smell like its burgers in a promotion benefiting Autism Speaks.

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Heard at a garage sale

UrbanCompass

Janice Paskey

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Spring is disturbingly cool this year, but no matter, garage sale season is in full swing.

According to Calgary by-laws, only three garage sale signs are allowed the day before and the day of the garage sale.

Researchers say garage sales build a happy community. Talking to neighbours, getting out, rifling through stuff, finding a bargain — it's a brain chemistry-boosting experience.

You can feel good about garage sales.

And so I end up at a garage sale. It's a sunny morning, the birds are singing, and I'm drawn to a cardboard box full of gold Christmas tree bulbs. It's marked \$2.

The \$2 price seems low, so I ask the man overseeing the sale if this is right.

"Are you going to Jew me down?" he says.

My grip loosens on the box and I fumble for a toonie.

The woman behind me says: "You know I said that to a real Jewish person once. I didn't think, but they were quite upset."

Damn, where is that toonie in my purse? The

sun's rays are now a glare and the birds' chirping is sharp and wrong.

Another voice chimes in: "You just can't say anything anymore."

To be honest, I thought that anti-Semitism in Calgary must be faint at best. The Jewish community here is small. And we're doing OK as a multicultural society, right?

Jew me down? Maybe these are stupid comments by people who don't know better, but their effect is immediate: There's not going to be the brain-enhancing experience of garage-saling.

Worse, I haven't found

the right words to say — and if I do, will they change anything?

I hand the man the toonie. The exchange forces flashbacks. My father-in-law lost his father to a German bomb in London.

And, in good part, I had children because I was a volunteer visitor for a Jewish woman. Her family was murdered during the Second World War.

Later, her new husband was too fearful to bring Jewish children into the world. He died early, so she was alone in a nursing home.

"Don't be like me, have children," she urged. I did. Two.

That box of ornaments is still in my trunk. It cost \$2.

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MICHAEL DI ADORNI

Noteworthy

Swiss government to debate merit of army

Switzerland's army should stop preparing for a foreign attack and concentrate on security operations inside the country, according to a leaked government discussion paper published online Thursday.

The proposal, which also includes cutting funds for new weapons systems and reducing the size of the army, was obtained by Swiss weekly *Weltwoche* and published on its website.

A Defence Ministry spokesman confirmed the document was produced

by defence officials for discussion at a regular government meeting Friday, but declined to comment further.

The proposal claims that "the core purpose of the army isn't the ability to conduct a war."

Instead, the paper suggests the army should do more to provide security inside Switzerland — such as during large events like the 2008 European football championship — assist in humanitarian operations abroad and police Swiss airspace.

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Quote of the Day

"When the living come to salute the dead, our words speak loudest to those whose lives still lay ahead. In this age-old act of remembrance, we gather not to call out a requiem — for those for whom we speak are not here ..."

— PRIME MINISTER STEPHEN HARPER, SPEAKING IN BERGEN OP ZOOM, NETHERLANDS, A DAY AFTER HOLLAND CELEBRATED THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS MAY 5, 1945, LIBERATION. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Worth mentioning

Shoe architect's heels take a step up

A designer known as Romania's "shoe architect" has come out with a new pair of sandals that increase a woman's height by 30 centimetres.

The new shoes are being compared to skyscrapers because of their towering heels. But the price also may have something to do with it. In a nation, where the average salary is \$575 a month, the hand-crafted sandals are selling for up to \$1,525.

"Heels have an advantage because (many women) don't have long legs," said Mihai Albu, who's had a 20-year love affair making stilettos.

"They reposition the waist," he said in an interview earlier this week in his Bucharest atelier.

High heels have become fashionable, but Albu's are at least twice the height of ones that international designers have been flirting with for several years.



Romanian designer Mihai Albu displays one of his shoe creations in Bucharest.

For instance, in Washington last month independent boutiques were strutting footwear that seemed revolutionary, such as apple red patent and black stiletto heels. But the platforms were only four centimetres and the red heels 11 centimetres.

"This is unusual, but I

think we can expect many other fashion houses to be doing this," said Marcellous Jones, editor-in-chief of the *Fashion Insider* magazine, by telephone. He said the late British designer Alexander McQueen, who died in February, used shoes with 30-centimetre heels in his last collection.

"They are impractical, but there are women who are brave enough to wear them. They get attention for the wearer and the designer," Jones said.

Albu, a former architect, blends math, architecture and art in his creations, which are more foot sculpture than regular footwear.

He uses French leather and encrusts it with jewels, feathers, mirrors, and taps into Romanian women's perennial love affair with high heels.

Despite the price, Albu says he has received dozens of orders for his new sandals from Romania's well-heeled.

"I am creating a constructed chaos," he said, describing his extravagant sandals in architectural terms. In addition to their breathtaking height, his footwear features special effects and its appearance varies, depending on the angle.

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Business

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No profits, but losses down for Air Canada

Improving business travel revenues helped Air Canada sharply narrow its losses in the first quarter as the economy continued to slowly recover in the first months of the year.

Canada's largest airline reported Thursday that premium cabin revenues grew by \$58 million or 15 per cent from last year, driven by a 10.6 per cent increase in traffic.

The gains accounted for almost 70 per cent of the \$84 million increase in system passenger revenues, which rose to nearly \$2.1 billion.

Premium cabin yields — the price to fly a passenger per mile — improved in all markets, rising by 3.9 per

Recovering

- Air Canada lost \$85 million in the seasonally weak first quarter ended March 31. That compares with a net loss of \$400 million a year ago.

cent. Lower yields in the economy cabin reduced overall pricing by 2.2 per cent across the system.

The first quarter marked an improvement from last year and sequential growth over the last six months. But it still remained well below pre-recession levels.

"Nonetheless, this is a positive indicator that business travel demand is slowly

starting to return," Air Canada CEO Calin Rovinescu said during a conference call with analysts.

He said the improvement demonstrated that the airline's initiatives such as paid upgrade programs are starting to stick, and that customers are recognizing the value of its business offering.

In another development, Air Canada says it expects to lose about \$20 million in operating profits from flight cancellations after the closure of European airspace for five days in April because of volcanic ash from the volcanic eruption in Iceland.

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CRTC OK's usage-based billing

ONLINE The CRTC has approved Bell Canada's request to bill Internet customers, both retail and wholesale, based on how much they download each month.

The plan, known as usage-based billing, will apply to people who buy their internet connection from Bell, or from smaller service providers that rent lines from the company.

In the meantime, Canada's largest telecommuni-

cations company BCE Inc. rang up a \$608-million profit in the first quarter, a period when the company showcased itself as the exclusive telecom services provider to the Vancouver Winter Olympics.

The company reported Thursday net earnings applicable to common shares of 79 cents a share, com-

pared to profits of \$377 million, or 48 cents, for the same 2009 period.

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What's next for the loonie after parity with the greenback? Overtaking the Euro.

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Stronachs letting go at Magna

AUTO Magna International Inc. shareholders will get a chance to end the Stronach family's absolute control over the global auto parts maker.

Frank Stronach and his family have controlled the company through a stock structure that gives the Stronach Trust more votes than all other shareholders. The company said Thursday Stronach Trust has now agreed to let other shareholders vote on eliminating the family's special rights.

The news sent Magna's shares soaring.

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Pro Football Hall of Famer Lawrence Taylor was charged Thursday with rape for having sex with a 16-year-old runaway forced into prostitution by a man who had beaten her up, police said. Taylor, a 51-year-old former New York Giants star, paid the girl \$300 US for sex, said Christopher St. Lawrence, supervisor of the town of Ramapo. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Sports

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Woods breaks par on easy day at TPC

GOLF The Players Championship was such a pushover Thursday that more than half the field broke par.

Even Tiger Woods. With scrutiny higher than after the worst tournament of his career, Woods settled down after a shaky start and didn't make a bogey until his final hole for a 2-under 70 to join the assault on the TPC Sawgrass.

J.B. Holmes and Robert Allenby led the way at 6-under 66, a stroke ahead of eight players, including Lee Westwood of England and 49-year-old Kenny Perry. In muggy conditions with only a swirling breeze late in the day, 36 players broke 70, the most for the opening round of this tournament since 1994.

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Canadiens even series

(Series tied 2-2)

Penguins 2 Canadiens 3



Maxim Lapierre and Brian Gionta scored early in the third period Thursday and the Montreal Canadiens held on for a 3-2 victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins to even their Eastern Conference semifinal.

Trailing 2-1 going into the final period, the Canadiens lifted the noise from the Bell Centre crowd of 21,273 to deafening levels as they came back to beat the defending Stanley Cup champions after having been thoroughly outskated and shot through the first



Montreal Canadien Maxim Lapierre celebrates his third-period goal against the Pittsburgh Penguins Thursday in Montreal. The Canadiens won 3-2 to even up the series.

40 minutes.

Tom Pyatt scored in the first period for Montreal while Max Talbot and Chris Kunitz replied for the Penguins.

Jaroslav Halak, who made 33 saves, stopped Pens star Evgeni Malkin on a late breakaway to preserve the win.

Marc-Andre Fleury faced

25 shots for the Penguins.

The best-of-seven series is tied 2-2 with Game 5 set for Saturday night in Pittsburgh.

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Sports in brief

NFL Adam (Pacman) Jones agreed to a two-year deal with the Cincinnati Bengals Thursday, putting the troubled cornerback on a team with a history of giving players second chances.

NBA Cavaliers star LeBron James says a few days of rest and treatment has helped his injured right elbow. James, who has been bothered by a sprain and bone bruise, made it through practice Thursday without feeling any pain. He participated in all contact drills.

NBA Celtics general manager Danny Ainge was fined \$25,000 US by the NBA Thursday for tossing a towel to try to distract Cavaliers forward J.J. Hickson as Hickson shot a free throw.

Ainge, who was sitting courtside under the Cavs' basket, flipped a white towel over his head during the third quarter of Monday night's playoff game between Boston and Cleveland.

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Minnesota's Joe Mauer is making progress, but the deep bruise on his left heel still has him on the bench. Mauer took early batting practice before Thursday's game against Baltimore and said the injury is feeling better, but he's not ready to test his foot with running yet. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Milwaukee at L.A. Dodgers

Wings stay alive

(Sharks lead series 3-1)

San Jose 1 Detroit 7



Johan Franzen doubled his previous playoff scoring total in one game.

Perfect timing for the Detroit Red Wings.

Franzen had a natural hat trick in a 3:26 span of the first period, scored a fourth goal in the third, and set a team playoff record with six points as Detroit stayed alive with a 7-1 rout of the San Jose Sharks on Thursday night in Game 4 of the Western Conference semifinals.

"Hopefully, I can get some confidence and the team can get some confidence," Franzen said. "I've been struggling on the goal-scoring side."



Detroit's Johan Franzen scores his third goal of the first period against San Jose's Evgeni Nabokov on Thursday night.

Franzen had just two goals in the first 10 playoff games. The burly forward known as "Mule" scored 25 times the previous two postseasons for the two-time defending Western Conference champions.

"Mule is one of those guys — like (Joe) Pavelski — when you get hot, you just shoot the puck," Detroit coach Mike Babcock said.

San Jose will host Game 5 on Saturday night with another chance to advance to hockey's final four for the second time in franchise history and first since 2004.

"Maybe this spanking will wake us up to know we're not out of the woods," Sharks coach Todd McLellan said. "I'm saying it. We have to respond to it."

Franzen was originally credited with scoring the first goal 5:40 in, but the goal was changed to Todd Bertuzzi. That prevented Franzen from tying the NHL playoff record with four goals in a period.

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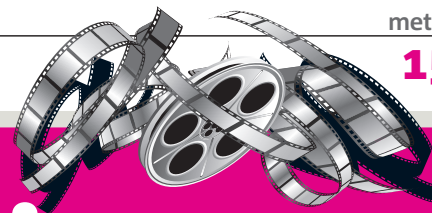
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It pays to have famous friends: Just ask Great Big Sea's Alan Doyle, who is one of Russell Crowe's Merry Men in real life, and now on the big screen in the action-filled Robin Hood. Crowe's new take on the classic story hits theatre's next week.

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Doyle up the ballads and blood

Crowe picked Canadian singer for Merry Men role

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada



Movie feature

Alan Doyle is admittedly one lucky dude. After all, the Newfoundland-born musician's band Great Big Sea has been a Canadian institution ever since the successful release of their 1993 self-titled debut album. But now, Doyle can call himself a movie star as well.

"I've been holding out for 40 years for the right chance," joked Doyle about his role in Robin

Hood alongside Russell Crowe. "I picked a good one, didn't I?"

As it turns out, Doyle was chosen for the role. Having met Crowe in Toronto while the actor was filming Cinderella Man, the duo became fast friends over their love of music. As the tale goes, while Crowe was initially reading the script for Robin Hood, he discovered one of the Merry Men was a balladeer.



Newfoundland-born musician Alan Doyle, left, stars in Robin Hood, opening next Friday.

"He's done a bunch of movies since I've known him — he's never asked me

to do one," said Doyle. "(But) I could see Russell reading the script and thinking 'hey, we need a dude who can play the lute, sing and write ballads on the spot and play Celtic instruments and his name is Allan A'Doyle...' I would've been pissed off if he hadn't thought of me to be honest!"

Doyle isn't just making a passing cameo either. The Newfoundlander underwent weeks of rigorous training with weapons and horses for huge epic battle sequences as one of Hood's fighting Merry Men. Further, he was asked to compose a few songs for the movie.

"(I got) three or four

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credits in there which is a thrill," said Doyle. "(But) as the years go by, I will exaggerate that."

Doyle won't be able to rest for long. After the film hits theatres, Great Big Sea will prepare to release their next album in July and follow it up with a tour.

But with a potential cinematic franchise looming in Robin Hood, one wonders if the singer doesn't have at least one eye on a career in movies.

"I don't know, I've been pretty lucky with things my whole life," said Doyle humbly before quickly insisting: "I got this one by kind of not looking for it and that would be my tactic for the next one."

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Hip-hop artist Common stars with Queen Latifah in Just Wright.

Common takes lead in Wright

DOROTHY ROBINSON
for Metro Canada

Over the past few years, Common — best-known as a successful hip-hop artist — has been quietly building up his acting resume with small roles in *Smoking Aces*, *Wanted* and *Terminator Salvation*. Next weekend marks his leap into leading man status as Scott McKnight, a professional basketball player who falls a physical therapist (played by Queen Latifah) in *Just Wright*. He lets us know why he loves being a starter.

Q This is a departure from the hardened characters you've played in your past films. Was it difficult switching over to a romantic lead? This is not only my first romantic, leading character

A — it's my first leading role, period. I thought highly of my experience. I love being able to come in every day to act.

A lot of times, I'm in movies and they might call me in and I might not even work that day. So it's fun to come in and be a part of this, like, equivalent to a basketball game. You know — being able to play in the game and be a starter.

Q You're in nearly every scene. Does seeing your face on-screen all the time rattle you?

A To be honest, I'm critiquing every little part. I do that even when I only have two lines (in a film). It's fun to have my friends and family come to a movie and not have to wait two hours before I come on screen.

Q So, serious question: When you talk to Queen Latifah, do you call her Queen Latifah or just Queen?

A I call her Latifah, and I got other names for her too. (Laughs).

Q Oh? Like what?

A I'm just tripping with you. But yeah, I call her Latifah more than anything. But you know, sometimes you just have to refer to her as a queen. She is a queen but she seems so much like a friend.

Q What's the most, um, common headline you've seen in articles about you that use your name?

A Typically, "uncommon man" or something like that. Obviously, I hope you use "extraordinary."

Tarantino leads Venice jury

FILM FEST The Venice Film Festival says Quentin Tarantino will head the jury that will award the coveted Golden Lion at this year's festival.

The festival called the director "one of the major creative figures in contemporary cinema" in an announcement of his appointment on Thursday. It runs from Sept. 1-10.

The festival cited Tarantino's highly original filmmaking style, work as a character actor, films that have launched and relaunched acting careers and his dedication to young filmmakers in his work as a producer.

Tarantino has directed such films as *Inglourious Basterds*, *Pulp Fiction* and *Kill Bill*. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In brief

HONOUR Organizers of the Stockholm film festival say director Gus Van Sant has been named the winner of this year's visionary award, hailing him as one of modern cinema's greatest American filmmakers. Van Sant is expected to visit Stockholm in November to pick up the award. Previous winners include Wong Kar Wai and Terry Gilliam. Van Sant's films include *Good Will Hunting* and *Milk*. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Kristen Stewart will be starring in the screen adaptation of Jack Kerouac's *On The Road*. The *New Moon* star has confirmed that she is "very much attached" to play troubled drifter Marylou alongside Garrett Hedland's Dean Moriarty. **IMDb.COM**

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Revolution of his own

Baruchel gets his Trotsky on

RICHARD CROUSE
for Metro Canada

Jay Baruchel is Captain Canuck.

Despite having the kind of break-out Hollywood success most actors could only dream of — starring in the critically lauded *She's Out of My League*, the number one hit *How to Train Your Dragon* and headlining Disney's upcoming *Sorcerer's Apprentice* — the patriotic Canadian (he has a maple leaf tattooed over his heart) hasn't taken up digs in Los Angeles or New York. In fact, he still lives in Montreal where his latest movie was shot.

"It was genius," he says of making *The Trotsky* in his hometown. "If I go away to make movies it means I have to say goodbye to my mom, my cat, my friends, my bed, all

"(In high school), I was incredibly impassioned and prone to crying and punching stuff and throwing fits and getting really angry so I had to channel that."

Jay Baruchel

that stuff, so to be able to go to my house every night and flip channels with my roommates and pet the cat was crazy."

In the comedy, directed by actor-turned director Jacob Tierney, he plays the budding Bolshevik Leon Bronstein, a 17 year old who believes he is the reincarnation of revolutionary Leon Trotsky.

"When I talked to Jacob about this I told him I was

scared to play a character 10 years younger than me," he says. "I was trying to leave that behind but then I came to the Ferris Bueller conclusion. Ferris Bueller's Day Off is my favorite movie of all time and I realized that Leon kind of is Ferris in regards to the way he affects change in other people's lives and goes to war against his principal."

Baruchel may have used Ferris Bueller as a muse but to fully round out the character he cobbled together a "bunch of subtle tiles in the mosaic that make up this weird guy."

First he looked back at himself. "In high school you just care about everything so much," he said. "I was incredibly impassioned and

prone to crying and punching stuff and throwing fits and getting really angry so I had to channel that."

Then he added in some physical comedy. "I had this overriding idea that because he's such an odd bird there was room for some physical comedy and that's why I walk out of every scene like a cartoon character."

More than anything, however, he says he's

thrilled to portray a side of Montreal that rarely gets seen on screen.

"If you watch English movies from the rest of Canada you'd never know that there are Anglos in Montreal," he says. "If you watch French movies from Quebec you'd never know there are Anglos in Montreal. So either way we're forgotten, but we're back! Anglo Montrealers are back everyone! We're coming at ya!"



Canadian actor Jay Baruchel fights to bring "socialism" to his high school in the Montreal-based comedy *The Trotsky*.

The Trotsky opens next Friday

La Danse shows all the right moves

La Danse

Director: Frederick Wiseman

Classification: STC

Rating: ****

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW It's tempting to call Frederick Wiseman the grand old man of American documentary film. But given the 80-year old director's tendency for self-effacement in his

work, it might be better to simply note that *La Danse* is as mesmerizing as any title in his back catalogue — even if the stakes feel a bit lower in documenting the goings-on at Parisian ballet company as compared to patient abuse at a mental health facility (*Titicut Follies*) or the added forging of public policy (*State Legislature*).

It goes without saying that Wiseman's style in *La Danse* is observational:

his adherence to the so-called direct-cinema aesthetic, with its elision of voice-over narration, talking-head interviews or any sort of contrapuntal montage remains firm.

And yet Wiseman's films are always intensely dramatic, because of his ability to arrange his slices-of-life across a narrative arc. In *La Danse*, he gives us extended scenes of dancers rehearsing their moves (and in some cases, being admonished

for insufficient rigour) before showing us the same sequences in a full-dress, performative context: the fascination (and the pleasure) lies in noting the similarities and variations between them.

Wiseman is no less successful in capturing the delicacy of the company's administrative infrastructure, with artistic director Brigitte Lefevre emerging as a particularly vivid, and at times, amusingly self-inflated, figure.

Movie morsels

Iron Man 2

REVIEW *Iron Man 2* opens not with a bang but with a whimper, as Mickey Rourke's Ivan Vanko — later to become villain Whiplash, weeps over his dying father in a cluttered Moscow apartment. It's a big risk for an action tentpole, but one a filmmaker like Jon Favreau can make riding a wave of goodwill after the franchise's critically and commercially successful first

chapter two years ago. Unfortunately, Favreau and company spend the next two hours squandering all that good will. The film's primary problem is that it sidelines its main hero and villain, both Stark and Whiplash sequestered in their labs tinkering while supporting characters carry on without them. But among those supporting characters left to move the story without them, there are some enjoyable nods.

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Hot Tub Time Machine (18A) Fri-Thu 12:55-10
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Rooney Mara plays Nancy — a teen tormented by Freddy Krueger in her dreams — in the remake of A Nightmare on Elm Street.



Paul Gross stars as an American outlaw on Canadian soil in the western-themed comedy Gunless.

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Music

The power pop revival

New Pornographers come Together for new album

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

"There are no more interesting rock and roll bands," writes American novelist Rick Moody in *The New Pornographers* artist bio. "(The New Pornographers) are also unable, it seems, to resist the challenge to make a perfect album, a form so dead."

If there's any controversial comment to make in a bio, it's probably to say there's nothing good happening in pop music anymore. Carl Newman, The New Pornographers' singer, clarifies the author's statement. "He didn't mean it in an insulting way," says ex-

Vancouverite and now New York-based artist. "He was saying it's a noble gesture, trying to work in a format so many people think is dead."

It's true, Pornographers-like power pop — which draws from the Beach Boys, The Kinks and Big Star, among other punchy, harmony-laden rock bands — isn't the rage these days, but it's far from obsolete. Newman knows that, but he says classic pop has gone underground. "If Pet Sounds came out today it would be this weird alternative record," he says.

If anything The New Pornographers' music has kept the genre top of mind for many music fans. The



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band isn't pushing power pop into the mainstream — "I've had an underground career," he says — but with thousands of records sold worldwide, and veteran acts like Animal Collective and new bands such as Library Voices playing more pop-focused music they've had an influence.

The band actually took a step back from their polished distorted tunes on their last disc, *Challengers*,

in favour of softer, melodic sounds. Their new record, *Together*, combines that subdued band — which also features Neko Case and Destroyer's Dan Bejar — with their louder selves.

"It exemplifies my contrary nature," says Newman, explaining how a song like *Crash Years*, a bubbly Case track winds up on the same album as the quiet, lo-fi piano song *Valkyrie* in the *Roller Disco*.

Newman admits that the disc is a bit of history lesson into the New Pornographers music. "It does take a lot of different things we've done," he says, adding that the only difference between how he wrote this disc and the previous ones was that *Together* was based around riffs he had in his mind. "More than the other albums, this was built around some kind of guitar or cello line that runs

through a verse."

The band will tour behind *Together* for a while, but once that's over, in the past, Newman has released solo albums. He says it's unlikely he'll write another AC Newman disc for a while. "I want to do something different. Something that doesn't sound anything like my solo stuff or the New Pornographers," he says. "Or maybe I'm just talking out of my ass."

Culture, romance flavour new album from Gogol Bordello

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

Gogol Bordello's music covers a lot of ground, but, until recently, Brazilian sounds weren't part of their act. That changed though when Eugene Hütz, singer of the New York-based klezmer punk band moved to Rio de Janeiro. "I followed a girl," he says sheepishly, explaining why he moved to South America.

With more than six million people in Rio, the city is a far cry from Boyarka, Ukraine, where he was born, but somehow the mustachioed singer and

actor fit right in. "I've always had friends there," he says in a thick Ukrainian accent. "And they think I'm an Argentinean hippie, so I'm not much of a target."

While Gogol Bordello hasn't turned into a Bossa Nova band, Hütz couldn't help but incorporate some sounds from his new home on his fourth disc, *Trans-Continental Hustle*.

"My good friend Manu Chao" — another cross-cultural musician who's hugely popular in Latin America — "and I travelled around Brazil and met all these musicians I used to listen to," he reveals. "I'd perform with



Producer Rick Rubin suggested Gogol Bordello take a more sensitive approach to gypsy punk on *Trans-Continental Hustle*.

them spontaneously and it turned out they were just as aware of Gogol Bordello as I was of their music.

"Suddenly I was at Carnival making mash-ups and guest appearances and it led me to the idea of

recording this Brazilian album."

While the record definitely has some Brazilian moments — Sun is on *My Side* borrows its acoustic finger picking from legendary guitarist Joao Gilberto — it's a stretch to call this a Brazilian album. The disc mostly follows the same trajectory as their previous records — loud, klezmer punk tunes led by Hütz's frantic deliver and humorous lyrics.

While it's not as strong as 2007's *Super Taranta!* it's still a lot of fun; opener *Pala Tute*'s infectious gypsy dance beat and the singer's grizzled pipes

singing "girls they like the kissing as much as we do," is hard not to enjoy.

In the past Hütz has sang about the immigrant experience — coming from another country to North America and some of the challenges that followed — but this album tackles a more traditional musical theme: love. Besides being in love with the girl he chased to Brazil, Rick Rubin, the album's producer, wanted the band to focus more on their sensitive side.

"He asked us why we were neglecting our love songs," says Hütz. "He said they were actually some of our strongest material."

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Music

Time to kill? Get lost on these music sites

SoundCheck

Alan Cross

metronews.ca/soundcheck

WARNING: You'll probably end up tearing out this page and taking it to work.

Don't blame me if your productivity falls to zero.

People often ask me which music websites I visit the most. Herewith is a list I simply cannot do without.

AntiMusic: The website is a little kludgy and I hate the "pop-under" ads that come with it, so I subscribe to the free daily email newsletter — delivered before noon ET each day — which is extremely well done (anitimusic.com).

Chartattack: Canada's Chart magazine lives online with an excellent news section that often digs remarkably deep. Especially helpful when it comes to Canadian music news (chartattack.com/new).

Crazed Hits: Billed as "the music industry's leading A&R site," it's used by labels, talent scouts, managers and bleeding edge hipsters to find out who's new, who's hot and who's been signed (crazedhits.com).

The Daily Swarm: An aggregator of music news from newspapers, magazines, websites and blogs. There are other sites that do this, but few have the reach and variety. Just beware that some links may be NSFW (theadaily

lyswarm.com).

Global Music: Another news aggregator but with an emphasis on gathering music news from around the planet. They offer a daily newsletter, too (globalmusic.net).

Heard on TV: Liked that song played at the end of Grey's Anatomy last night but frustrated by not knowing who did it? Go here heardontv.com. Good alternates: TV Show Music (tvshowmusic.com) and Tune Find (tunefind.com)

Hypebot: An excellent site for news and analysis regarding music, technology and new media from around the world. Perfect for the seriously geeky music fan who wants really get into what's going on from the business side (hypebot.com/hypebot).

Music Ally: Yeah, the name is a pun, but the content is very deep and insightful, even though it tends to focus on issues within the U.K. and European music industry (musically.com/blog).

PunkNews.org: Heavy on the punk rock scene — which they cover better than almost anyone else — but they also cover other genres (punknews.org).

Finally, there's **AllTop**, an aggregator of headlines from dozens and dozens of music sites (http://music.alltop.com).

Nice to see that the site I spend all my time curating, **ExploreMusic** (exploremusic.com), is right at the top. If you'd like to see more of my favourite sites, I have an expanded list today at ExploreMusic.com

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James Gandolfini may find himself at the wheel of his first TV series since *The Sopranos*. HBO says Gandolfini is an executive producer of *Taxi 22*, which is described as a half-hour comedy centring on a politically incorrect New York City cab driver. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Gandolfini may take on taxi role

A to Z of what's wrong with *Lost*

Lost fans know how the Man in Black feels. Just as this *Lost* character has interminably been imprisoned on the Island, they have been trapped on Tuesday nights.

Most were excited at the beginning of the season — juiced by the high of a stellar fifth season. But beyond a few high points this year, the series seems to reach new lows as it trudges toward what has to be an unbelievably amazing finale to justify the drawn-out tease this season has been.

Just what has gone wrong this season? Here's an A-to-Z guide to *Lost*'s troubles this year.

A is for Aphasia: Making Sun lose the ability to speak English after she ran into a tree is likely one of the lowest plot developments in this or any other season. What was the point? The only result was the two lines that best illustrate how off the writing has been. Right after it happens, Miles says: "She hits her head and forgets English? We're supposed to buy that?"

B is for Battlestar Galactica: With four episodes left, *Lost* has a chance to pull its fat from the fire. But it looks like it's following *BSG*'s final trajectory where, in moving from ambiguity to clarity, it collapsed under the weight of its mythology. The result was a terrible finale with what felt like a tacked-on happy ending and a literal hand-of-God moment that effectively devalued the show's best theme.

C is for Continuity: This season has felt like it's moved slowly and, really, it's as if the creators are just filling plot holes in the leaky narrative. Unfortunately, most of the answers have been unsatisfying.

D is for Desmond's death: Did anybody think that Sayid ac-



Can the last few episodes of *Lost* save what many believe is a disappointing final season? Former fan favourites Ben Linus (bottom left) and John Locke (bottom right) have become shadows of themselves. And Jacob (centre) did not live up to the hype.

tually shot the man in the well? Desmond asks Sayid one question, and the vacant-eyed assassin immediately has a change of heart?

E is for Endings: Admittedly, endings are hard. *Lost* will be lauded in television history for committing to a finale three years before the actual ending, which would make you assume that this year has been planned out well in advance. But really, this year's odd, slow pace feels like helium leaking out of a balloon as opposed to a big bang.

F is for Faith vs. Free will: These are some of the show's enduring themes. We all get that Jack is now the man with faith in the Island. But why? What did Locke's faith get him? Does anyone buy Jack's conversion?

G is for Guns: Would somebody please shoot somebody? "A wise man once said war was coming to this Island." Really? Where is it?

H is for Hydra Island: It seems that's where the action is going to be.

I is for Ilana getting blown up real good: Yes, we know it referenced Arzt's death. With Ilana, what a waste of a character. Her sudden death is a sign of how quickly the writers are running out of ideas.

J is for Jacob: Introducing him was supposed to move us on to another plane of reality that explains things. Of course, as a leader, his instructions are about as effective as Dumbledore's in the *Harry Potter* books.

K is for Kissing Kims: The Sun-Jin lip lock was a long time coming, and decent enough, but didn't it feel like it was dragged out? And their reunion was so short-lived.

L is for Locke and Linus (as in Ben): Both are shadows of their former selves. Locke, literally, but Ben is almost the more regrettable, as he's gone from being a hated, but extremely interesting, character to pretty much a useless wimp.

M is for Man of Science, as in whatever happened to?: Who needs science, when you've got, well, whatever you've got. Another theme casually tossed aside.

N is for the Numbers: This is a perfect example of the unsatisfying answers. So the

numbers represent the candidates on the Lighthouse dial. Okay. That's it?

O is for Others: For a bunch of folks who lived on the Island for years, they got made short work of.

P is for Parallel Reality: For much of this season, the looks at the sideways L.A. reality have been boring. It took too long for Desmond to start making the connections between the two.

Q is for Quantum Theory: *Lost* gets points for teaching folks the basics of the many worlds theory of quantum mechanics, but this all feels like a rip-off of DC Comics' *Crisis on Infinite Worlds*.

R is for Religion: As the Jacob-Man in *Black* morality play finishes up, it's clear God plays dice with the cosmos.

An extra half hour

• *Lost* has found an added half-hour to expand its big series conclusion. ABC says the May 23rd finale originally scheduled for two hours is now set to air from 9 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Eastern. Preceding the finale will be a retrospective special, *Lost: The Final Journey*, airing from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern. It will look back at the past six seasons of this mystical thriller.

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S is for Sayid: As a personal favourite, his descent into zombie-like sullenness has been particularly disappointing.

T is for Time Invested: This is the argument that many folks who aren't enjoying this season when saying they'll stick it out.

U is for Unanswered Questions: Be ready to have some of your queries left completely untouched.

V is for V: Even with all of the complaints, losing *Lost* and having to settle for ABC's other Tuesday night genre show is a definite downgrade.

W is for Widmore: Hey Charles! When are you actually going to do something soon?

X is for Xbox Live: Why? Well because it gives us the opportunity to say that the *Lost: Via Domus* videogame released in 2008 totally sucked, too.

Y is for You All Everybody: I actually like what I've heard of Driveshaft's song.

Z is for Zoë: Introducing new characters this season is idiotic. Widmore's right-hand girl might be interesting but at this stage of the game, it's far too late to make me care.

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Jesus Christ gets animated

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Carrie's youth exposed

The Carrie Diaries reveals early trials of SATC character

HEATHER BUCHAN
for Metro Canada

Sex and the City 2 isn't hitting theatres until the end of the month, but for Carrie Bradshaw fans, the release of The Carrie Diaries — author Candace Bushnell's teen prequel to her original 1997 novel Sex and the City — should serve as a good fix.

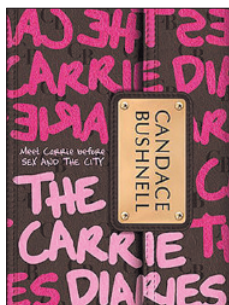
It's Carrie's coming-of-age story and takes readers back to 1979 and her life as a high school senior in small-town Connecticut.

"I tried to capture the emotional realities of being 17," says Bushnell, 51, over the phone from New York, where she is kicking off a whirlwind book North America tour to launch this, her sixth novel. "I had an especially great time writing The Carrie Diaries because I love the character Carrie."

Not only does Diaries focus on Carrie's first love, but it also touches on her evolving sense of fashion and her dreams of one day becoming a writer.

Like her character Carrie, Bushnell grew up dreaming of being a writer and living in Manhattan. "It was something that I dreamed of doing since I was a little kid," she says. "And, like Carrie, when I was in high school, I knew what I wanted to do, but I had no idea how to get there."

Similarly to Carrie, Bushnell moved to the Big Apple at 18, and became a columnist while struggling to pay the bills. As her 20s rolled into her 30s, Bushnell also became (like Carrie) a bona fide New York celebrity, dating a bevy of wealthy bachelors (including publishing giant Ronald A. Galotti who is rumoured to be the inspiration for Mr. Big).



The Carrie Diaries.

Aside from her career-defining Sex and the City, Bushnell has penned several other smash-hit, chick-lit novels, including Four Blondes (2001), Trading Up (2003), Lipstick Jungle (2005), which was also adapted into a TV series, and One Fifth Avenue (2008).

In 2002, at the age of 43, Bushnell settled down, marrying Charles Askegard, a dancer with

the New York City Ballet, to whom she remains happily married.

So what has the women behind Carrie Bradshaw learned about love? "It's what you bring and it's your attitude," she says. "You always hear people say, 'Oh, I have to find my other half,' but you kind of have to be a whole to begin with."

Unlike Carrie, however, Bushnell reveals her biggest splurge wasn't on shoes, clothes or jewelry. "Ohhhhhh, it was real estate. That's all I'm going to say," she says.

Bushnell is already working on a follow up to Diaries. "It's (Carrie's) first summer in New York and gosh, I think anybody's first summer in the big city is full of adventure," she says of her next novel. "There's still so many more books I want to write and I feel like, hey, I'm not dead yet!"



Author Candace Bushnell says she had a great time writing The Carrie Diaries because she loves the Carrie character so much.

Usher is all grown up, but still likes to have fun

Usher's newly released sixth album Raymond v. Raymond entered the U.S. charts at No. 1. It was the R&B megastar's third chart topping album in about as many years.

He spoke to Metro on success, fatherhood, and of course the ladies...

Q You look so sad on the cover of the album — are you okay?

A It's an act! And it's working quite well since people are intrigued! I'm in good shape, everything is just fine.

Q Is it difficult to come back after two years on a R&B scene full artists inspired by you?



Usher

A Not really. I have nothing to prove as I already have an honored place. Some of the new faces ask me for advice and this is very flattering. If I can be of any help, I do it with pleasure.

Q Is that what happened with Justin Bieber?

A The first time I heard him I was blown away and when I learned he was only 16 I was staggered. He's very talented, ambitious and afraid of nothing. I helped him of course but I know for sure he would have managed to make a name anyhow.

Q You went through a highly public divorce but you don't talk about it in your songs — why not?

A I learn from my mistakes, and if a person doesn't want his private life to be written in every single

magazine, he sure shouldn't talk about it in his songs.

Q Did becoming a father change things?

A To a certain extent, yes. Being a father influences your entire life. I grew up. I'm a man, a father. I'm not the young guy obsessed with the way he looks like I was when I started.

This is the second album since the birth of my son and I think I became more and more demanding. I want him to know how deeply he changed my life.

Q But you still go to night clubs, smoke cigars and dance

with the ladies — you didn't change that much, did you?!

A It is true I still love good things, but I work my art differently today. I'm more focused on my voice which always was my trump card. Anyway, I'm a good dancer, it's quite normal to show that to my public.

Q You released some tracks on the Internet before the album came out — why?

A The music industry has changed a lot since I started. Today, you can listen any album for free online or even download them illegally. Only real enthusiasts still continue to buy albums, because they know

that the sound is better, that you will have pictures or art and that you can support your favourite artist this way.

Q You cried a lot during Michael Jackson's funeral — how did it affect you?

A The day of his death was the worst day of my life. I've had to go through hard stuff before but nothing hurt me more than learning he was dead. I thought I would die. I always felt connected to him. It is still difficult to talk about it. The world lost one of its greatest genius of all time.

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Oprah gave her studio audience a secret screening of The Twilight Saga: Eclipse during a taping of a Twilight special Wednesday featuring Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson, Taylor Lautner and Dakota Fanning. **POPEATER.COM**

Television

Don't speed while Living In Your Car

As a director on *Curb Your Enthusiasm*, David Steinberg helped nail the fictional Larry David's bull-headed sense of entitlement.

Now, the Winnipeg-born TV veteran is applying his comedy touch to the self-

serving struggles of another arrogant character — fallen CEO Steve Unger — in the HBO Canada series, *Living In Your Car*.

"I guess rich and obnoxious is going to be my signature as a director," a jovial Steinberg admits in

a phone interview from his home in Los Angeles.

"Because Larry is that way, certainly, and (Steve) is that way as well. Larry is much more outrageous in *Curb* than (Steve) is, but not really. It's just that the tone is different."

The half-hour satire, which Steinberg also co-executive produces, stars John Ralston as a high-flying executive who loses everything when he's caught cooking the books. Steve cuts a deal to get out of prison early, but finds that his wife and 15-year-old daughter (played by Ingrid Kavelaars and Mariah Horner) have kicked him out of the house and that none of his former colleagues want anything to do with him.

Homeless and desperate to regain all that he's lost, Steve clings to the last vestige of his former self — his cherished luxury sedan.

The series was written by playwright George F. Walker, Dani Romain and Joseph Kay back in the days of Enron.



John Ralston plays Steve Unger, an executive who has lost everything, in *Living In Your Car*, pictured here with actress Mariah Horner as Kate Unger.

Living In Your Car premieres Friday on HBO Canada

"And then of course there was all this new stuff," says Walker, referring to the subsequent fall of corrupt investment advisor Bernie Madoff.

"Which means it could be about anyone. But the thing that they all had in common, the guy we had in mind, was that they were charming. They believed what they were doing was good, they be-

lieved in trickle-down economics. Anything that was good for them was good for everyone and that this was just a little blip on their recovery road to success and even greater success. That belief in themselves, and that kind of childlike innocence mixed with a kind of almost devil-may-care foolishness is sort of what we came up with." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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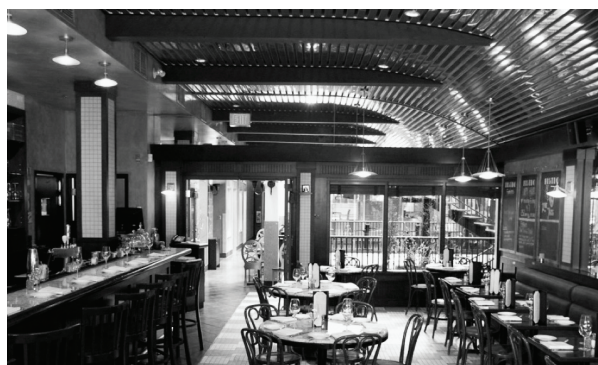
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In brief

CHESNEY Country music singer Kenny Chesney is one of thousands in Nashville sifting through waterlogged memories after floodwaters consumed his home this week. His publicist, Holly Gleason, says it's likely his house will be condemned after water rose past the first floor. He lost items from when he was in high school.

JACKSON The outlook for the sale of a one-of-a-kind Michael Jackson portrait isn't thrilling. The eBay.com auction of a fantastical portrait the King of Pop posed for before his death ended with no bids, according to the auction's organizer.

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White set for SNL gig

The night before Mother's Day is going to be the mother of all Saturday Nights: TV icon Betty White will be the guest host of Saturday Night Live, with musical guest Jay-Z and a cast reunion of former female SNL stars Tina Fey, Amy Poehler, Maya Rudolph, Molly Shannon and Rachel Dratch.

Does that mean that, Jay-Z aside, we're going to see SNL's first all-female ensemble?

"I certainly hope not," White said in a phone interview. "I'll have to go around



Betty White

hitting on every member of the crew."

A typically bawdy comment from the suddenly

hot again 88-year-old veteran of Password, Mary Tyler Moore and Golden Girls, whose appearance on SNL was largely motivated by an avid Facebook and Twitter campaign.

Even then she was reluctant, though was eventually persuaded by her agent. "They're just so New York, and I'm so L.A.," she frets. "Honestly, I'm scared to death."

"I haven't a clue what I'm going to be doing. But I have been promised I won't have to do any nudity."

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FRIDAY

CA	Vu SC	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
243	317	3 CFCN	etalk	Access H.	Medium (HDTV) (N)	Ghost Whisperer (N)	The Bridge (N) (DVS)	CTV News		
-	-	4 OMNI	King	The Simpsons	Omni News: S. Asian Edition	Omni News: Cantonese Edition	TwoHalf Men	Coach		
-	371	5 KKLY	4 News at 6	4 News at 6:30	Entertainment	The Insider (N)	Wife Swap (N)	Primetime: What Would You	20/20 (N)	
245	306	6 CBRT	National	NHL Hockey Chicago Blackhawks at Vancouver Canucks	(HDTV) (Live)	Friday Night Lights (N)	Shark Tank (N)	CBC News: The National		
244	338	7 CICT	ET Canada	Entertainment	(8:01) Brothers & Sisters (N)	Scrub	Murdoch Mysteries	News Hour		
246	-	8 CKAL	Murdoch Mysteries	Warehouse 13	The Doctors (N)	Ghost Whisperer (N)	Medium (HDTV) (N)	EP Daily		
-	372	12 KREM	News	Access H.	Washington	McLaughlin	Need to Know (N)	Miami Medical		
-	374	14 KSPS	PBS NewsHour (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel Fortune	House "Lockdown"	Dateline NBC (HDTV)	Appalachia		
-	370	16 KHQ	News (N)	TwoHalf Men	TwoHalf Men	CBC News: The National	Kitchen Nightmares (N)	News		
-	373	22 KAYU	The Office	Raymond	CBC News: The National	CBC News: The National	Doc Zone			
502	390	15 CBC	CBC News: The National	Larry King Live (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV) (N)	CTV News	Larry King Live	Cooper 360		
500	500	29 CNN	Larry King Live (N)	CTV News Tonight	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News		
501	391	52 CTV	CTV News Tonight	NHL Hockey SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)	Off the Record	Billiards Mosconi Cup	30 for 30	CTV News		
408	400	21 TSN	NHL Hockey Toronto Blue Jays at Chicago White Sox	(6) MLB Baseball	Skyscrapers (2009, Science Fiction)	The Last Samurai (2003, Adventure)	Survive This	Ultimate Fight		
408	418	27 net	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News		
552	543	20 YTV	iCarly	To Be Indie	iCarly "Quit iCarly"	Things I Hate	Survive This	To Be Indie		
557	541	39 FAM	Wizards-Place	Jonas	Sonny-Chance Suite/Deck	10:31 Life Is Ruff	Survive This	To Be Indie		
603	561	25 FOOD	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Diners, Drive, Diner, Drive-In	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares	Diner, Drive-In	Unwrapped	Bobby Flay	
615	520	26 A&E	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	(10:01) Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds		
617	522	32 SHOW	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	Relic Hunter	Destination: Infestation (2007, Suspense)	Kenny vs.			
520	505	35 DISC	Canada's Worst Handyman	Egypt Unwrapped (N)	Daily Planet	Canada's Worst Handyman	Dirty Jobs			
628	584	43 SPIKE	Ways to Die (7:41) Entourage	Entourage	Entourage	Ways to Die	GameTrailers	Ways to Die		
522	516	45 HIST	Ultimate Engineering	AX Men (HDTV)	Nostradamus Effect	Bolton Point *** (1993, Action)	Boiling Point *** (1993, Action)			
-	-	47 AMC	(6) Force 10 From Navarone ** (1978, War)	AMC News (N)	Hush... Hush, Sweet Charlotte *** (1965, Horror)					
581	566	102 MTV	Cribs	Cribs	The Hills	After	1 girl 5 guys	MTV Live		

SATURDAY

CA	Vu SC	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
243	317	3 CFCN	W5 (DVS)	Law & Order: SVU	Flashpoint	Law & Order "Brazil"	CTV News			
-	-	4 OMNI	Omni News: Mandarin Edition	Chinese Rest.	Trendy Zone	Stand Up, Don't Bend Over ***	1993, Comedy-Drama	Most Amazing		
-	371	5 KKLY	(6:15) NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Utah Jazz	Entertainment Tonight	Collateral *** (2004, Suspense)	The Last Samurai (2003, Adventure)	Jane Show	G-Spot	News Final (N)	
245	306	6 CBRT	NHL Hockey	The Quality of Life (2008, Crime Drama)	Mary Walsh	Citizen Duane * (2006, Comedy-Drama)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Survive This		
244	338	7 CICT	16:9-Picture	renegade press	A Daughter's Conviction (2006, Mystery)	Brooke Nevins	House "Role Model"	News Final (N)		
246	-	8 CKAL	Cooking	Most Amazing	Glenn Martin	Out There	NCIS "Reunion" (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	48 Hours Myst.	
-	372	12 KREM	News	Scrub	Grey's Anatomy	May-December	Time Goes By	CSI: NY (HDTV)	Law & Order "Brazil"	
-	374	14 KSPS	The Lawrence Welk Show	Judge Judy	CSI: NY (HDTV)	Parenthood (HDTV)	Law & Order "Brazil"	Law & Order		
-	370	16 KHQ	KHQ-News 6	Judge Judy	CSI: NY (HDTV)	Parenthood (HDTV)	Law & Order "Brazil"	Law & Order		
-	373	22 KAYU	(5) NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup: Southern 500	(HDTV) (Live)	Paid Program	News: At Issue	National	Mansbridge	MegaVolcano	
502	390	15 CBC	National	Mansbridge	Mystery of the MegaVolcano	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	
500	500	29 CNN	Larry King Live	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	
501	391	52 CTV	CTV News Weekend	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	
400	400	21 TSN	Boxing	NHL Pregame	NHL Hockey Detroit Red Wings at San Jose Sharks	(HDTV) (Live)	UFC Countdown	Saturday Night Poker	Sportsnet Con.	
408	418	27 net	MLB Baseball	Kid vs. Kat	League-Evil	Zeke's Pad	Prank Patrol	That's Weird	Prank Patrol	
552	543	20 YTV	(7:01) Jonas	Suite/Deck	Wingin' It	Zoe 101	Suite Life	Han, Montana	Strange Brew ** (1983, Comedy)	
557	541	39 FAM	Chopped "Fired Up!"	Top Chef Masters	Hell's Kitchen	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	Ultimate Recipe Showdown	Chopped		
603	561	25 FOOD	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds "Poison"	ReGenesis (HDTV)	Lava Storm (2008, Suspense)	(HDTV) Valerie Valois	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	
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617	522	32 SHOW	Deadliest Catch "Sea Tested"	License to Drill	Disorderly Conduct: Video	1 Bet You Will	Best of PRIDE Fighting	Best of PRIDE		
520	505	35 DISC	Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)	Ice Road Truckers	Breaking Bad (HDTV) (N)	1 girl 5 guys	MTV Live	Movie Night	1 girl 5 guys	
628	584	43 SPIKE	Storm Planets (HDTV)	Nostradamus Effect	Superman III ** (1983, Science Fiction)	(HDTV) Christopher Reeve, Richard Pryor				
522	516	45 HIST	(6) Superman II: The Richard Donner Cut	MTV Live	Movie Night	After	1 girl 5 guys	MTV Live	Movie Night	
-	-	47 AMC	Cribs	Cribs	MTV Live	Movie Night	1 girl 5 guys	MTV Live	Movie Night	
581	566	102 MTV	Cribs	Cribs	MTV Live	Movie Night	1 girl 5 guys	MTV Live	Movie Night	

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CA	Vu SC	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
243	317	3 CFCN	Human Target	Flashpoint	(DVS)	The Amazing Race 16	Desperate Housewives	CTV News		
-	-	4 OMNI	Agha Khan-Voice	Aaram	Chardi Kalaa	Bollywood Boulevard	Tongues: History Language	Nation of Cha		
-	371	5 KKLY	Spotlight on	Amer. Funniest Home Videos	Extreme Makeover: Home	To Be Announced	CBC News: The National	Family Guy (N)	King of the Hill	
245	306	6 CBRT	NHL Hockey Vancouver Canucks at Chicago Blackhawks	The Celebrity Apprentice (HDTV) (N)	Amer. Funniest Home Videos	Extreme Makeover: Home	Survivor	Survivor		
244	338	7 CICT	The Celebrity Apprentice (HDTV) (N)	Amer. Funniest Home Videos	60 Minutes (HDTV) (N)	The Amazing Race 16	Masterpiece Mystery! (N)	Jesse Stone: No Remorse (2010)	MI-5	
246	-	8 CKAL	Murdoch Mysteries	KREM 2 News at 6 (N)	Nature (HDTV) (DVS)	Minute to Win It (N)	The Celebrity Apprentice (HDTV) (N)	Family Guy (N)	American Dad	
-	372	12 KREM	News	Lark Rise to Candleford	Nature (HDTV) (DVS)	Minute to Win It (N)	The Celebrity Apprentice (HDTV) (N)	Family Guy (N)	American Dad	
-	374	14 KSPS	Lark Rise to Candleford	Nature (HDTV) (DVS)	Minute to Win It (N)	The Celebrity Apprentice (HDTV) (N)	Family Guy (N)	American Dad	News	
-	370	16 KHQ	KHQ-News 6	Wheel-Fortune	"Til Death	The Simpsons	Snowdon and Margaret	Rescued	CTV News	
-	373	22 KAYU	House "Heavy"	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	
502	390	15 CBC	CBC News: The National	Anne Murray: Music of My Life	Newsroom	Rescued	Rescued	Rescued	Rescued	
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400	400	21 TSN	NBA Basketball: Suns at Spurs	SportsCentre (HDTV)	Sportsnet Connected (HDTV)	Kid vs. Kat	Family Biz	Fries That?	Fries That?	
408	418	27 net	(6) MLB Baseball New York Yankees at Boston Red Sox	Cheaper by the Dozen 2 ** (2005, Comedy)	Wingin' It	Zoe 101	Suite Life	Han, Montana	Akeelah and the Bee (2006, Drama)	
552	543	20 YTV	(7:01) Jonas	Suite/Deck	Dinner: Impossible	Kirstie Alley	Pure Pwage	Trailer Park	10,000 B.C. *	
557	541	39 FAM	Iron Chef America	Family Jewels	Family Jewels	Family Jewels	Family Jewels	Family Jewels	Family Jewels	
603	561	25 FOOD	Iron Chef America	Family Jewels	Family Jewels	Family Jewels	Family Jewels	Family Jewels	Family Jewels	
615	520	26 A&E	Family Jewels	Family Jewels	Family Jewels	Family Jewels	Family Jewels	Family Jewels	Family Jewels	
617	522	32 SHOW	10,000 B.C. *	Kink in Hair	Pure Pwage	Trailer Park	Dirty Jobs	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	
520	505	35 DISC	Dirty Jobs	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	
628	584	43 SPIKE	Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)	Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)	Ice Road Truckers	Breaking Bad (HDTV) (N)	1 girl 5 guys	MTV Live	Movie Night	
522	516	45 HIST	Ice Road Truckers	Breaking Bad (HDTV) (N)	1 girl 5 guys	MTV Live	Movie Night	1 girl 5 guys	MTV Live	
-	-	47 AMC	(6) Kiss Kiss, Bang Bang	Breaking Bad (HDTV) (N)	1 girl 5 guys	MTV Live	Movie Night	1 girl 5 guys	MTV Live	
581	566	102 MTV	The Challenge: Fresh Meat II	The Challenge: Fresh Meat II	1 girl 5 guys	MTV Live	Movie Night	1 girl 5 guys	MTV Live	



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Wright regrets hurting Paisley

Newly out-of-the-closet Chely Wright says she has "cried a million times" about hurting fellow country singer and one-time boyfriend Brad Paisley. In her new book, she says an unknowing Paisley was a victim of her sexuality secret. **POPEATER.COM**

Going Out

Entertainment in brief

LEGAL Chris Brown's lawyer says the R&B singer has completed nearly 300 hours of community service since being sentenced for beating Rihanna. Brown appeared in a Los Angeles courtroom Thursday morning to offer a judge an update on his community service and domestic violence counselling.

Lawyer Mark Geragos says Brown is expected to complete his counselling in October. He's completed roughly 20 per cent of the community labour work he's required to perform. Brown was sentenced last year to five years of probation and six months of community labour. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 George Re-cut

POP CULTURE Julia Louis-Dreyfus may have gotten a star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame — typo and all — but it's Jason Alexander's character, George Costanza, who is getting the attention these days thanks to this YouTube hit. The trailer re-arranges the neurotic Seinfeld character's scenes into a dramatic movie trailer. youtube.com/watch?v=_Crw85Hv-IFs



4 Machete

MOVIES In time for Cinco De Mayo, filmmaker Robert Rodriguez extended his fake trailer which appeared as part of his 2007 Grindhouse collaboration with Quentin Tarantino. The trailer stars an impressive list, including Cheech Marin, Con Johnson, Jessica Alba, Steven Segal and Robert De Niro. youtube.com/watch?v=MKhChMhBN8

5 Other People's Rejection Letters

BOOK Those with a voyeuristic bent will love this look at the letters people have received ending their relationships, having job offers turned down, and even killing their careers.

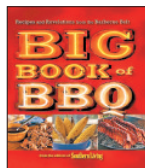


2 Jack Daniels

DRINKS No more having to mix your own JD and cola; the granddaddy of Tennessee whiskey has created a line of ready-to-drink cocktails — Jack & Cola, Jack & Lemonade, and Jack & Iced Tea.

3 Big Book of BBQ

FOOD With most of the country finally in the grip of spring, the smell of BBQ-ing is again wafting its way through Canadian neighbourhoods — making it the perfect time to pick up this collection from the editors of Southern Living. Not only does it contain recipes, but also a list of the best 'Q locations in the U.S.



6 Next Star

TELEVISION Think your kid has what it takes — or maybe you've just dreamed of being a stage parent? YTV is on the search for Canada's next singing sensation. Adamo Ruggiero of Degra: The Next Generation is once again hosting the talent search. Visit at YTV.com for more information on the audition process, rules and procedures.

7 Virtual New York City

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Entertainment



Gossip Girl co-creator Stephanie Savage.

Gossip Girl goes to college

Co-creator Savage discusses third season challenges

Based on the popular young adult books by Cecily von Ziegesar, *Gossip Girl* has become a launching pad for young designers as much as it has for young actors.

With the third season finale approaching on May 17, co-creator Stephanie Savage sat down with Metro to talk about the challenges of taking characters to college and dealing with the pesky paparazzi while filming in New York City.

Q How has it been taking the *Gossip Girl* characters into their college years? That's famous-

ly where a lot of teen series flounder.

A I think the challenge of taking show the from high school to college was something that we tried to address from the very beginning of the show because Josh Schwartz and I had already gone through it on the O.C. and knew firsthand what a challenge that was. So from the beginning on *Gossip Girl*, we tried to make the franchise of the show much more New York City and much less high school. We actually pride ourselves on the fact they we never had a classroom

set. So the challenge that we really had is more in terms of getting the characters to be able to stay in the same world and be connected with each other without that device of the high school that they all attend, and we're still kind of working out the kinks.

Q You've been getting a lot of paparazzi attention while filming.

A It does actually make shooting on location really quite difficult. The paparazzi is very aggressive, and the way New York City works, you know, you have to leave the sidewalks free. People need to be able to walk where they want to walk. It's delightful for the population, but it also means that the paparazzi can stand there if they want. Sometimes it's really hard for the actors, who are trying to focus. It's crazy when you're doing a fairly intimate scene, and there's a wall of paparazzi like they're walking a red carpet. We've had to dub dialogue because literally you can hear the shutters in the background.

Q Does the media attention affect how you write the show?

A If we have, like, a certain two people kissing, we will absolutely think about making sure that that scene happens on set and not on a location because we don't want it reported in the media. But that's hard, too, because maybe you do want people kissing in Central Park with a beautiful backdrop and not in Blair's bedroom, but you make that choice.

Q You seem to have had no trouble getting big fashion designers to let you use their work.

A We have a great relationship with designers, where they love to have their clothes on our show, which is such a blessing for us, and we love to have them. We have designers who are fans enough that they want to play themselves on the show. So it's great when Eleanor Waldorf is having a fashion show and Michael Kors will show up.

Q Do you have a problem with the actresses not wanting to give the costumes back?

A Yes. But they do because they're good girls, and they all have their own relationships with the designers.

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Calgary Roller Derby

When: Saturday
Where: Triwood Arena
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When: Saturday
Where: Alcove Sports Bar
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Calgary Folkfest Songwriting Contest

When: Sunday
Where: Ship and Anchor Pub
Searching for the best song by an Alberta songwriter

Stars on Ice 20th Anniversary

When: Sunday
Where: Pengrowth Saddledome
With skaters Kurt Browning and Tessa Virtue.

First Annual 'Divas and Daughters Do'

When: Sunday
Where: Renfrew Community Centre
For more information lease visit divasanddaughters.shawwebpace.ca.

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Baby Gallagher

Noel Gallagher plans to call his baby Carlos, paying tribute to his sporting hero, Manchester City soccer player Carlos Tevez, when he becomes a father for the third time in September, femalefirst.co.uk reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Celebrity Buzz

The edgy actress gets edgy in front of crowds

UM, YEAH. WOULDN'T YOU TOO? She's the heroine of the blockbuster *Twilight* franchise — and gets to make out with Robert Pattinson — but Kristen Stewart doesn't always put on a happy face at red carpet events and other appearances, usmagazine.com reports.

"People say I'm miserable all the time," Stewart, 20, says in the June issue of *Elle* magazine.

She explains, "It's not that I'm miserable. It's just

that somebody's yelling at me ... I literally, sometimes, have to keep myself from crying," on the red carpet.

"It's a physical reaction to the energy that's thrown at you."

Then there's her demeanor on late night talk shows or awards fest.

"It's funny that when I go onstage to accept an award, they think I'm nervous, uncomfortable, and awkward," Stewart quips, "and I am — but

those are bad words for them."

The edgy star also resents losing her privacy to worldwide fame.

"Somebody knocked on my hotel room door and asked for a light, then said that they were a big fan. I was like, 'Do you really need me to light your cigarette? How do you know what room I'm in?' I can't be by myself and I like being by myself."

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He's still missing Reese's pieces

ONCE YOU HAVE A TASTE IT'S HARD TO PUT THE BAG DOWN

Though they broke up months ago and she's moved on to a new boyfriend, Jake Gyllenhaal is reportedly still hung up on Reese Witherspoon, according to Popeater.

"Reese was without any doubt the love of Jake's life. He took the breakup hard and still isn't ready to move on yet," a

source says. "As much as he would love to have remained friends and see her and her children, it was just too painful. They have little contact with each other, which is probably for the best."

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His brain was bleeding

BUT BRET IS BACK IN ACTION. LET'S JUST HOPE IT'S NOT TOO MUCH ACTION Bret Michaels may have just spent 10 days in the ICU, but the rock star isn't complaining. Instead, he says he's feeling "lucky to be alive," people.com reports.

In the new issue of *People* magazine, Michaels, 47, who suffered a sub-arachnoid hemorrhage

(bleeding at the base of his brain stem) on April 21, speaks for the first time about his ordeal, including a dramatic moment when he first arrived at the hospital.

In the emergency room, the rocker — dad to Raine, 9, and Jorja, 5 — recalls being asked by a doctor if he had kids, and the doctor

telling him to have them brought to the hospital.

"And I said in these exact words, 'Am I dying? If I'm dying, I want to see my kids, but if I have a chance, I don't want them to see me in this condition.'"

Michaels is currently at a rehabilitation facility for physical therapy, and is expected to make a full recovery — something his doctor says only occurs in 10 to 20 per cent of all cases.

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Tick tick goes Jessica's baby clock

TIME TO SPROG UP AGAIN Jessica Alba wants to be a mother again and thinks she "should do it soon," femalefirst.co.uk reports.

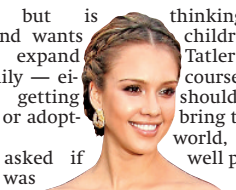
The actress has one child, 23-month old daughter Honor Marie, with her husband Cash

Warren, but is broody and wants them to expand their family — either by getting pregnant or adopting.

When asked if she was

thinking of having more children, Jessica told *Tatler* magazine: "Of course! And I feel like I should do it soon ... You bring these kids into the world, so you might as well participate."

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It's not all light and air

THERE'S ENVY AND EGO IN THERE, TOO

Sources say the breakup between Halle Berry and Gabriel Aubry was anything but amicable, despite what the former couple says publicly, according to *Us Weekly*.

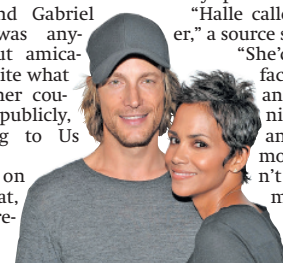
And on top of that, Berry reportedly

harangued Aubry about his career for months before they split.

"Halle called him a loser," a source says.

"She'd rub it in his face that she's an Oscar-winning actress and he's just a model. He couldn't take it anymore."

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Yes, ladies and gentlemen, it's back on

BUT NOT THAT ON Coy as ever, Jude Law may have dropped a hint to Access Hollywood that he's ready to propose to Sienna Miller again. When asked if they were engaged, Law said, "Not at the moment. Not at the moment. That's all

I can say." The pair called off their initial engagement in 2006 after Law was caught cheating on Miller with his children's nanny. "I'm very happy. I'm very happy to be happy," Law said of the couple's reconciliation.

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DEMI LOVATO is too tired to drive, **NEIL PATRICK HARRIS** is getting tipsy, **JIMMY KIMMEL** overestimates his own popularity, and **DIABLO CODY** is confused by candy. @ddlovato Today hasn't started off so great ... I was so sleepy this morning I got in my first little accident in my car. :(blahhh @ActuallyNPH I dare say my favorite alcoholic beverage is cold sake. Leaves me happy, buoyant, a little giggly. Drinking it now. Close second: Tequila. @jimmykimmel "Twitter is over capacity. Too many tweets!..." I can't believe it — I actually choked twitter to death. I murdered twitter. @diablocody I just ate a Ritter Sport. I'm an athlete!

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Saturday
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9°C / -2°C

Sunday
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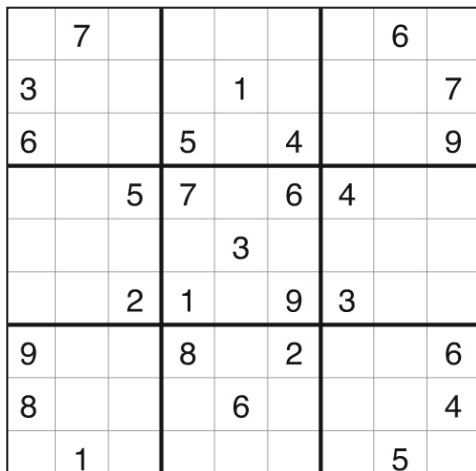
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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



ACROSS

1 Corral
4 Competent
8 Fancy
12 Roth plan, e.g.
13 Transaction
14 Took the bus
15 Old-fashioned music player
17 Unsigned (Abbr.)
18 Above
19 Relinquish
20 Bound bundles
22 Accomplishment
24 Debtor's worry
25 Sailor, often
29 Commotion
30 Dunkable treats
31 Neither partner
32 Flyer
34 Old portico
35 "My bad"
36 Prompter's job
37 Star of westerns?
40 String

41 Spellbound
42 Wallet
46 Anger
47 Urban disturbance
48 Chemical element with the shortest name
49 Raised in
50 Helps
51 Schedule abbr.

DOWN

1 Pendulum site
2 Geological period
3 Cream-filled oblong pastry
4 Threw in
5 Keg contents
6 Fond du —
7 Wapiti
8 Ghost
9 Sharpen
10 Pedestal occupant
11 Fix
16 Tied
19 Tibetan herd
20 Mediocre
21 Verdi opera
22 Senses
23 Greenpeace subj.
25 Faucet problem
26 Poison remedy
27 Middy
28 RuPaul's costuming
30 Bassoon's cousin
33 Trailed relentlessly
34 Browse the Web
36 Indianapolis team
37 Zinger
38 Culture medium
39 Venetian magistrate
40 Oaf
42 Push-up provider?
43 Square root of IX
44 Illuminated
45 "CSI" evidence

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REAM BRA TSAR
BUREAU TICK
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PRONE CRY NIX
RAPS PJS UGLI
EVE DUO ONSET
PINNUMBERS
DEEP REPEAT
OBOE KEN EVER
ROOD ITS NERO
BARS NAT TRAY

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8	1	4	3	6	2	5	9	7
7	2	6	9	5	8	3	4	1
4	6	7	2	9	3	8	1	5
2	8	1	7	4	5	6	3	9
3	5	9	6	8	1	4	7	2
1	9	8	5	3	6	7	2	4
5	7	3	1	2	4	9	6	8
6	4	2	8	7	9	1	5	3

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Metro Recipe of the Day



Jamaican Jerked Chicken Salad

INGREDIENTS:

4 scallions, thinly sliced
3 cloves garlic, minced
1/4 tsp dried thyme
1 tsp black pepper
1 tsp ground allspice
1 tsp salt
4 tbsp red wine vinegar
2 tbsp Dijon mustard
2 tsp dark brown sugar
1 lb skinless, boneless chicken breasts
1 tbsp olive oil
2 cups pineapple chunks
4 kiwis, peeled and cut into wedges
1 large red pepper, cut into matchsticks
1 cup jicama matchsticks

METHOD:

1. In large bowl, stir together garlic, thyme, black pepper, allspice, half of scallions and 1/2 tsp salt. Stir in 2 tbsp of vinegar, 1 tbsp mustard, and

brown sugar. Add chicken, rubbing mixture into meat. Cover and set aside.

2. In separate bowl, whisk together remaining vinegar, mustard, 1/4 tsp salt and oil. Add remaining scallions, pineapple, kiwis, red pepper and jicama, and toss.

3. Preheat broiler. Broil chicken 15 cm from heat, 4 minutes per side, or until cooked through. When cool enough to handle, slice chicken on diagonal. Add to bowl and toss.

SERVES 4

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ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20



A positive attitude is a must. Forget about things that go wrong and focus on things that go right — there are still plenty of them.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23



Life is not a zero sum game: someone else does not have to lose every time you win. Don't feel bad that you have gained so much.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21



If you are in a loved one's bad books then it might be wise to make amends. A heartfelt apology will get you off the hook — this time.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22



Your hunger for success is so strong that you won't let anything or anyone stand in your way. Use your charm and you'll soon be on your way to the top.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21



Venus in your sign links with Mars in the area of your chart that governs travel and communications, so get out and about and meet new people today.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21



If an idea you thought was a good one is not working out the way you expected just ditch it and try something else.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22



This may be an important time for financial matters but you don't need to worry yourself sick about them. You'll find a way out of your dilemma.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20



So many of the things you have been worrying about bear no relation to reality. You have simply got into the habit of expecting certain things to go wrong.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23



A more relaxed attitude to both personal and professional matters will pay dividends, even though you may not see much progress today.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18



A relationship problem is nowhere near as serious as you have persuaded yourself that it is, and you can easily resolve it. So what are you waiting for?

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22



You may look tough on the outside but you are a lot more sensitive than most people realize. Bu today you'll experience incredible highs. Enjoy it!

PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20



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